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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: CIVAIR - USE OF LAJES AB BY CIVIL AIRCRAFT

REF: STATE 19591

1. ECONOMIC COUNSELOR CALLED ON SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TRANSPORTATION MACHADO RODRIGUES FEBRUARY 8 TO PRESENT AIDE-MEMOIRE STATING THE ARGUMENTS CONTAINED IN REFTEL. SECRETARY RODRIGUES BEGAN IMMEDIATELY BY STATING THAT CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE CHANGED CONSIDERABLY SINCE OUR EARLIER DISCUSSIONS ON THIS ISSUE. HE STATED THAT PORTUGUESE AIR FORCE (PAF) HAS REMOVED ITS OBJECTIONS TO COMMERCIAL USE OF LAJES AIRPORT. HE QUALIFIED THIS STATEMENT, HOWEVER, BY STATING THAT PAF WOULD EXPECT MOBIL TO EXPAND FUEL STORAGE CAPACITY AT LAJES IN ORDER TO AVOID ANY CIVILIAN AIRCRAFT FROM BEING STRANDED FOR LACK OF FUEL.

2. MACHADO RODRIGUES EVIDENTLY FEELS THAT THIS DECISION CLEARS PATH FOR RESOLUTION OF ISSUE IN TIME FOR TWA TO INCLUDE LAJES IN ITS SUMMER SCHEDULE. HE STATED THAT GOP HAS CONCLUDED THAT OUR LEGAL ARGUMENTS ARE VALID. AS ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR ITS LEGAL POSITION, MINISTRY OF
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TRANSPORTATION WILL OBTAIN GOP DISPATCH NOTING BASIC MILITARY CHARACTER OF THE BASE AND THEREBY RESERVE RIGHT TO EXCLUDE THIRD COUNTRY COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT WHICH HAVE NO GENUINE NEED TO UTILIZE LAJES AS OPPOSED TO SANTA MARIA.

3. EMBASSY OFFICER GAVE ORIGINAL OF AIDE-MEMOIRE TO FOREIGN

MINISTRY'S EUROPEAN AND AMERICAN DESK OFFICER FERNANDO PINTO DO SANTOS ON FEBRUARY 10. PINTO DO SANTOS DID NOT KNOW OF ANY CHANGE IN GOP POSITION, BUT PROMISED TO CHECK WITH OTHER ENTITIES AND CONTACT US LATER.

4. COMMENT: EMBASSY HAS DISCUSSED FUEL SITUATION WITH LOCAL MOBIL MANAGER. LATTER STATES THAT COMPANY IS PREPARED TO PLACE A FUEL TRUCK AT LAJES TO HANDLE LOADING REQUIREMENTS OF CIVILIAN AIRCRAFT, BUT ONLY IF IT OBTAINS EXCLUSIVE FIVE-YEAR CONTRACT FOR THIS SERVICE. REGIONAL GOVERNMENT HAS INDICATED A WILLINGNESS TO GRANT SUCH A CONTRACT. MOBIL DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT PROSPECTIVE COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC WOULD JUSTIFY INVESTMENT IN ADDITIONAL STORAGE CAPACITY. COMPANY BELIEVES THAT ANY PROBLEMS RESULTING FROM FUEL COULD BE RESOLVED WITHOUT MAJOR DIFFICULTY BY DIVERTING PLANES TO SANTA MARIA OR BY ACCELERATING FUEL DELIVERIES TO LAJES. EMBASSY HOPES THAT GOP REFERRAL TO FUEL ISSUE DOES NOT MERELY CONSTITUTE ERECTION OF ANOTHER ROADBLOCK. DESPITE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION'S INDICATION THAT ISSUE IS BASICALLY RESOLVED, WE WILL MAINTAIN PRESSURE FOR FINAL SOLUTION.
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